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IN THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of the claims and their status as of this Amendment is as follows:

1.(currently amended) A bottle carrier device, comprising:

~~a hook member for attachment to a support~~ carabiner comprising a closable ring-like member having a pivoted arm in said ring-like member for opening and closing said ring-like member to provide single-handed detachable attachment of said carabiner to a support;

~~a an elastomeric self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging ring member for attachment~~ having a low modulus of elasticity and having an internal diameter sized to be received about the neck of a bottle; and

a joining member having a first end secured to about said elastomeric self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging ring member and a second end secured ~~to said hook member~~ about said ring-like structure of said carabiner to interconnect said hook member carabiner to said bottleneck-engaging ring member in close proximity to thereto in a manner to assure orientation of a bottle in a ~~vertical~~ vertically-upright position when secured by said elastomeric self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging ring member.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

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4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8.(currently amended) A bottle carrier device, comprising:
an elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member having a low modulus of elasticity and being sized to be positionable about the neck of a bottle;
a closable-loop ~~hook member~~ carabiner for attaching to a support; and
a joining member having a first end secured to said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member and a second end secured to said ~~hook member~~ carabiner for attaching said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member to said ~~hook member~~ carabiner in close proximity thereto and in a manner to assure ~~vertical~~ vertically-upright orientation of a bottle secured by said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member..

9. (Cancelled)

10.(currently amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 9 8 wherein said closable-loop ~~hook member~~ is a carabiner comprising comprises a ring ring-like

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structure having a pivoted arm for opening and closing said ~~ring~~ ring-like structure.

11.(currently amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 8 10 wherein said joining member is a loop of material which encircles a portion of said ~~hook member~~ carabiner and which also encircles a portion of said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)